

Jewish/Holocaust Survivor Stories

Shelved in Teen
Fiction

Bat-Ami, Miriam

Two Suns in the Sky

In 1944, an Upstate New York teenager named Christine meets and falls in love with Adam, a Yugoslavian Jew living in a refugee camp, despite their parents' conviction that they do not belong together.

Bennett, Cherie

Anne Frank and Me

After suffering a concussion while on a class trip to a Holocaust exhibit, Nicole finds herself living the life of a Jewish teenager in Paris during the Nazi occupation.

Cormier, Robert

Tunes for Bears to Dance to

Eleven-year-old Henry escapes his family's problems by watching the woodcarving of Mr. Levine, an elderly Holocaust survivor, but when Henry is manipulated into betraying his friend he comes to know true evil.

Dubis, Michael

The Hangman

In 1938 Erik joins the Nazi army, quickly moving up the ranks and acquiring the name of "the hangman". Once he discovers his wife and daughters are Jewish, he must try to protect them, without endangering his own life.

Ehrenhaft, Daniel

Tell it to Naomi

In a harebrained scheme concocted by his neurotic older sister to forge a romantic relationship with the girl of his dreams, fifteen-year-old Dave Rosen pretends to be a female advice columnist for his school newspaper.

Handler, Daniel

Watch Your Mouth

Joseph tells the story of a lust-filled college summer he spent with his Jewish girlfriend, Cyn, and her "close-knit" family in Pittsburgh. The events in Part 1 of this are treated as a four-act opera, complete with set and musical directions. The aftermath, Part 2, is packaged as a parody of the AA 12-step program.

Lewin, Waldtraut

Freedom Beyond the Sea

To escape the Inquisition, Esther Marchadi, the sixteen-year-old daughter of a murdered Jewish rabbi, disguises herself as a boy and joins the crew of Christopher Columbus's "Santa Maria."

Matas, Carol

Greater Than Angels

Anna, a teenaged German refugee, relates how the citizens of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France cared for her and other Jewish children, during the German occupation.

Mazer, Harry

The Last Mission

In 1944 a 15-year-old Jewish boy tells his family he will travel in the West but instead, enlists in the United States Air Corps and is subsequently taken prisoner by the Germans.

Newbery, Linda

Sisterland

When Hilly's grandmother becomes ill with Alzheimer's disease, her family is turned upside down by revelations from her life during World War II.

Pauswang, Gudrun

The Final Journey

This German import imagines an 11-year-old Jewish girl's experience on a train bound for Auschwitz.

Pressler, Mirjam

Malka

In the winter of 1943, a Polish physician and her older daughter make a dangerous and arduous trek to Hungary while seven-year-old Malka, who they were forced to leave behind when she became ill, fends for herself in a ghetto.

Voigt, Cynthia

David and Jonathan

The relationship between two close friends, Henry and Jonathan, changes when Jonathan's cousin David, a victim of the Holocaust, comes to live with David's family.

**Shelved in
Juvenile Fiction**

Orlev, Uri

Run, Boy, Run

Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside.

Spinelli, Jerry

Milkweed

Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli takes us to one of the most devastating settings imaginable—Nazi-occupied Warsaw of World War II—and tells a tale of heartbreak, hope, and survival through the bright eyes of a young orphan.